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May 29, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Karen Murphy, Public Services Director

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of June 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Midland Parks and Recreation Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2015. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers of Midland City Hall at 333 W. Ellsworth and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Minutes of meeting of May 6, 2015
- 5) Call to Audience
- 6) Request for clearing Dartmoor Park walkways
- 7) Request for no smoking at the Fun Zone
- 8) Staff recommendation to open Trilogy Skate Park up for bike use
- 9) Project Report
 - a. Thrune Park – water feature delayed
 - b. Stratford Park concrete dock remodel
 - c. Parks CNC router projects
- 10) Old Business
- 11) New Business
- 12) Adjourn



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FROM: Karen Murphy, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Notes for Meeting of June 2, 2015

Request for clearing Dartmoor Park walkways:

Dartmoor Park is a neighborhood park with 3 city walkways to access the park that are located off of Manor Drive, W. Nelson and Dartmoor Place. Each walkway is a 10' wide strip of city-owned property that connects the neighborhood park to the adjacent street to provide access into the park. The Manor Drive walkway is currently a 10' wide strip of turf while the other two walkways have adjacent hedges that extend out into the walkway. As such, the Manor Drive walkway is the access point of choice for maintenance and utility vehicles that need to enter the park. The resident at 2515 Manor Drive is requesting that the City require the other two walkways to be cleared back to the property lines to open up the entire 10' width of the walkway so that authorized vehicles could enter the park from any of the three walkways. Attached is a map of the park that shows the location of each walkway along with a letter that was sent to the residents whose properties are adjacent to the walkways. I will be asking for a recommendation from the Commission on this request.

Request for no smoking at the Fun Zone:

At the May meeting, I presented a resident request to the Commission for consideration regarding making the Fun Zone smoke-free. The Commission tabled the discussion to allow members to review the history of smoke-free requests in parks. The original email request is attached for your review.

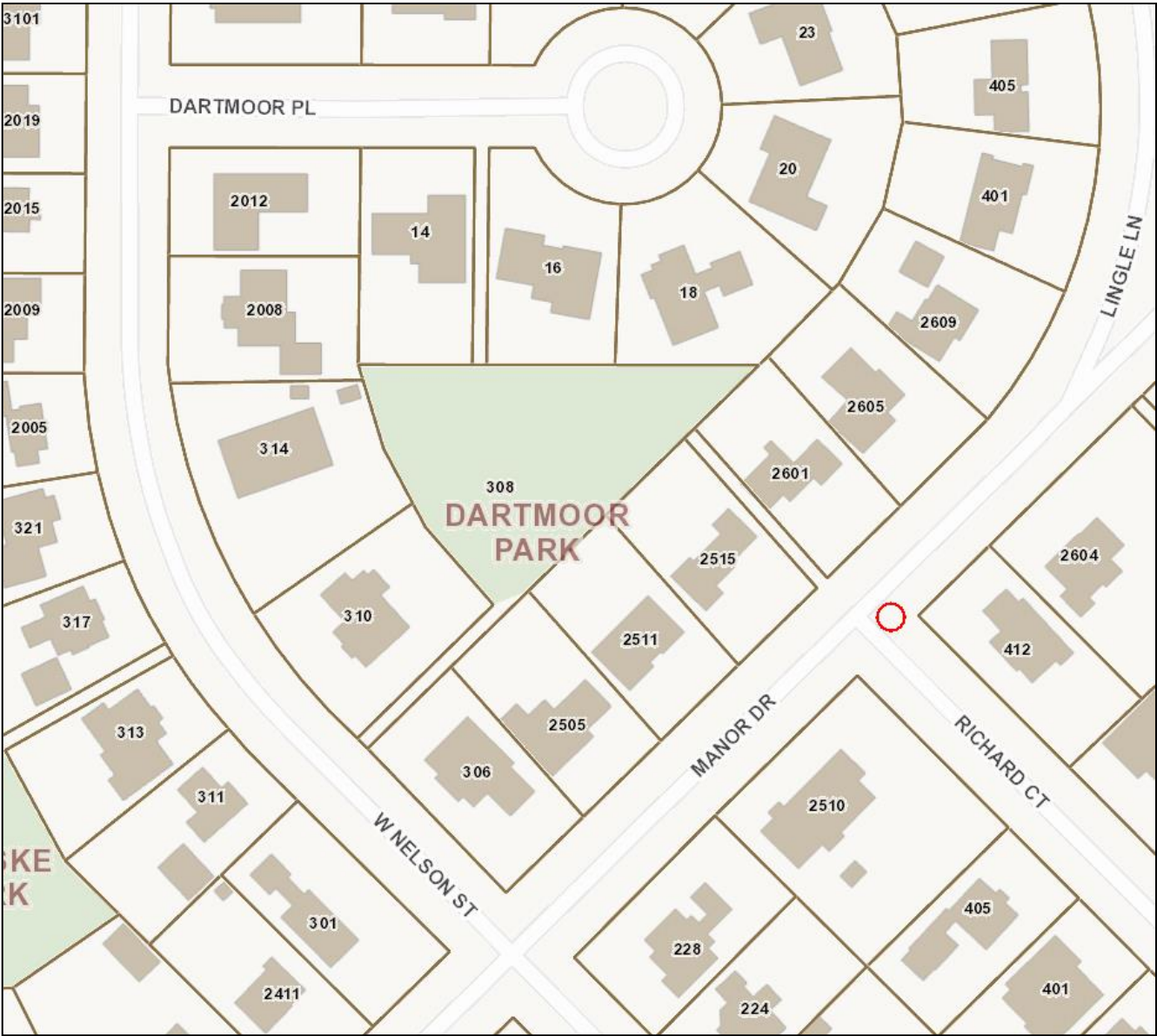
Staff recommendation to open Trilogy Skate Park up for bike use:

The Park Rules currently prohibit bicycles in Trilogy Skate Park. I have received several requests over the years to lift this ban on bicycles as other similar facilities around the state allow both skate board and bicycle use. After consulting with the City's insurance company, I am prepared to recommend that the ban on bicycles be lifted at Trilogy. This will require a revision to the Parks Rules, which involves the Commission making a recommendation to City Council to revise the Park Rules by striking Section 14 B that states "BICYCLES. Bicycles are not permitted in the fenced in area of the Trilogy Skate Park at any time."

Project Reports:

- a. The Thrune Park renovation is behind schedule due to a delay in the manufacturing of the new water features. The park is open for use but the water feature area is fenced off with an anticipated opening in mid-July.
- b. The concrete fishing dock at Stratford Park has been unusable for the past few years as the concrete platform was sinking into the lake. The platform has been resurfaced and restored to use as a fishing location. I will share photos of the project.
- c. As part of the original Fun Zone renovation, the City acquired a CNC router. This machine is a computer controlled router that is used to make signs, engrave benches and create details for the Fun Zone, including the engraved fence pickets. The machine paid for itself on the fence picket project alone, and now Parks staff are able to make signs in-house for the cost of materials alone. I will share some samples of the work done with the CNC machine.

DARTMOOR PARK MAP





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May 19, 2015

TO: Property owners adjacent to Dartmoor Park walkways

FROM: Karen Murphy, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Request to clear park walkways into Dartmoor Park

The City of Midland's Parks Department has received a request to clear the three walkways that provide access to Dartmoor Park. The walkways are City-owned properties that are 10' in width and provide access from the street into the neighborhood park for park users as well as park maintenance staff and equipment. The request is to clear the walkways to the property lines to make the walkways all 10' in width. This would require trimming and/or removal of existing shrubs and hedges in order to obtain the full 10' width as requested.

This request will be considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission at their upcoming public meeting to be held Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Your attendance at the meeting to share your input on the matter before a recommendation is offered by the Commission is welcomed.

Please feel free to contact me at (989) 837-6909 or via e-mail at kmurphy@midland-mi.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Murphy
Director of Public Services

Murphy, Karen

From: Linda Personal <lmstachowiak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 8:19 PM
To: Recreation Email; Murphy, Karen
Subject: Plymouth Park Fun Zone

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good Evening!

My family has enjoyed the Plymouth Park play area for the past 7 years since moving into the area. The park is fondly known in our house as the choo choo park due to the beloved wooden train. The recent renovations have been spectacular. However, we have been shocked by the number of adults smoking cigarets inside the play area while watching their children play. The past two times we have left the Fun Zone because the smell was so bad. You would think adults would have common sense not to smoke around children, especially other people's children.

I am writing to inquire about the possibility of the city to post signs inside the fenced in area or before entering the play area that there is no smoking. I would expect a smoke free play area for our children of Midland!

Thanks for your consideration!
Linda Stachowiak